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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the above-captioned application. In this paper, the specification has been amended to include a specific reference claiming the benefit of Provisional Application Number 60/332,130, filed November 13, 2001, as required under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5). This reference is submitted during the pendency of the above-captioned application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5)(ii).

No amendments to the claims have been made. Thus, claims 1-12 are in the same form as originally filed. The Applicants have provided herein a complete listing of the claims pending in the application for the Examiner's convenience only, and not to indicate that any amendments have been made thereto.

The drawings have been amended to include the missing exploded view of FIG. 3E, which was inadvertently omitted from the originally filed application papers. Applicants submit that the adding of FIG. 3E does not add new matter to the application in that the exploded view of drawing FIG. 3E:

(1) is specifically disclosed in the specification at page 5, line 13, which states that "FIG. 3E is an exploded view of the component of FIG. 3A" (emphasis added), and is further discussed in the specification from page 11, line 20 to page 12, line 28;

(2) is disclosed in the specification based on the specific reference provided at page 5, line 13 in combination with the remaining drawing figures for the third embodiment, (*i.e.*, FIGS. 3A-D and 3F-H), which clearly show all views of the component necessary to illustrate the exploded view of FIG. 3E, (particularly noting that FIG. 3H is a cross sectional view of the component of FIG. 3A taken along line H-H in FIG. 3D); and

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(3) is inherently disclosed in the specification by observing the fact that identical views are used to illustrate each embodiment disclosed in the application (*i.e.*, the views of the first embodiment, FIGS. 1A-H, are identical to the views used to illustrate the second embodiment, FIGS. 2A-H, and are identical to the views used to illustrate the third embodiment, FIGS. 3A-H), such that one could illustrate the exploded view of FIG. 3E by simply looking at the other exploded drawing figures, FIGS. 1E and 2E, and drafting a similar exploded view from the remaining figures of the third embodiment, (*i.e.*, FIGS. 3A-D and 3F-H).

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-identified amendments.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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